

**JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was opened with Howard Malcomb leading the pledge to the flag.

Tony Eder made a motion to approve prior minutes; Mike Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Kitty Shepherd presented the Council with an Ordinance authorizing the investment of public funds in investments lasting more than two years and not more than five years pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5.78.

Josh Yeager made the motion to waive the first reading of the ordinance; Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Josh Yeager made the motion to adopt the ordinance; Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Next were some fire chiefs coming to the council with concerns as to the way the distribution of funds in LIT that were set aside for the volunteer fire departments in the county for 2018. Larry Deaton, Fire Chief of Lovett Township voiced his concern that the council was told everyone was in agreement to the split as presented to the council by Don Biehle. Mr. Deaton said he was not present at the meeting and the vote was not unanimous. Mr. Deaton made a suggestion to give Dupont Fire Department and the Westport Fire Department \$5,000 each and then divide the remaining \$190,000 equally among the 6 county volunteer fire departments which would be around \$31,666. David Owsley, Geneva Township Fire Chief did agree that the vote was not unanimous but it was a majority vote of 3 to 2.

Tony Eder made a motion to rescind the prior commitment made on the distribution of LIT monies to the fire departments of the county. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6 yes votes and Mike Kelley abstaining from the vote.

Josh Yeager asked the fire chiefs present to get with the other chiefs and figure out what they would like and come back to the council with their decision.

After more discussion, Josh Yeager made a motion to table this matter until the February 13, 2018 meeting of the council. Dave Woodall seconded the motion; Motion passed with a 6 yes and Mike Kelley abstaining from the vote.

David Owsley then came before the Council requesting air packs for the entire county at a cost of \$523,884.45 (76) packs. Mr. Owsley stated that he wasn't sure if the Council would want to spend that amount of money so he had ordered 10 air packs for the Geneva Twp. Fire Department for \$77,994.70. He is requesting the Council to approve the funds from LIT for the 80% match \$62,395.76 and the fire department would pay 20% \$15,598.96.

Howard Malcomb stated he would like to see the Council approve the lease purchase of these air packs over a 10 year period and made the payment out of the Fire Department allotment in LIT and then the remainder would be divided among the departments. The Council asked Mr. Owsley if he could go back to the company and see if that could be worked out and that would include the 10 air packs he needed for the Geneva Fire Dept. - Reuben Cummings with GFE stated he would help the fire departments with this and if any of them wanted to get their cum funds reestablished; he would be willing to help their trustee do this. Mr. Cummings feels that if the cum funds are established and maxed; the fire departments could become self sufficient and would not need to come to the Council for help.

Next was Sherri Williams, HR Director, stating that Ellie Bright, County Attorney, has added some wording to the pay scale document and she was asking the Council to approve the changes.

Dave Woodall made a motion to approve the new wording of the pay scale; Larry Maschino seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6 – 1 vote.

Next Auditor Vance submitted to the Council the Salary Ordinance for 2018. Ms. Vance stated there were a few changes but the Council had already approved those changes except for a change just requested that day from Judge Webster. Judge Webster had called to have his Court Bailiff to receive the same salary as the Superior Court Bailiff.

Larry Maschino had questions concerning the \$500 for the Reassessment and the extra pay listed for the 1st deputy of the Clerk.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance as submitted; Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion failed with a 2 yes 5 no vote

Josh Yeager made a motion to delete the extra pay for the Clerk deputy and to take the Circuit Court Bailiff pay back to the original amount of the longevity pay scale. Larry Maschino seconded the motion; motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote.

Auditor Vance presented an Additional Appropriation to the Council for \$42,524. \$7,000 from General fund was for the Coroner for autopsies; \$18,500 from LIT for the Sheriff transport of out of state inmates and \$17,016 from Misdemeanant fund for fees already collected.

Dave Woodall made a motion to approve additional appropriation as submitted; Tony Eder seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Vance requested a transfer of \$10,000 from the LIT to the General Fund. When the jail was put in the LIT fund earlier this year the FICA line item has an excess amount of \$10,000 which should be transferred back to the General Fund.

Mike Kelley made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from LIT to the General Fund. Tony Eder seconded the motion; motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote.

With no further business, Mike Kelley made a motion to adjourn; Josh Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

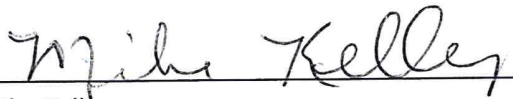
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Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Howard Malcomb, President



Mike Kelley



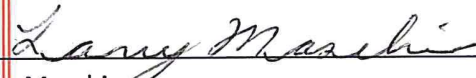
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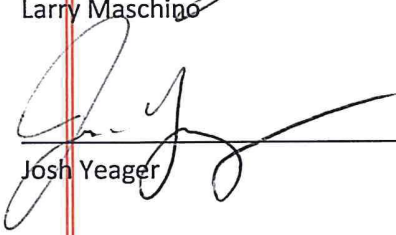
Dave Woodall



Tony Eder



Larry Maschino



Josh Yeager